Senators:

I am grateful for the uniform courtesy you have shown me as your presiding officer. In obedience to the Constitution and the mandates of the people, I now surrender this emblem of authority to Lieutenant-Governor Francis D. Winston.

Lieutenant-Governor Winston, on taking the chair, addresses the Senate as follows:

Senators:

I succeed in office a gentleman who has made as much reputation, and deservedly so, as any man who has ever presided over this Senate. He has performed the delicate duties of that office with due regard for the public interests and with a special regard for the interest and feeling of every member of this Senate and the previous Senates over which he has presided. He has set me a high standard of official duty which I cannot hope to excel, and can but feebly expect to approach. I shall enforce the rules of your own selection. I shall enforce them faithfully and impartially, inviting your co-operation in that regard. I await the further wishes of this Senate.

After expressions of welcome to President Winston and of appreciation of the services of the retiring President by Senators Aaron, Webb and Zollicoffer, Senator Odell introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are tendered to Hon. W. D. Turner, retiring President of the Senate, for the courtesy, ability, fidelity and impartiality with which he has presided over this body.

The resolution is unanimously adopted by a rising vote.